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Charity. Burritos

▶ Dozens of civic-minded burrito fans came out for the fifth annual Anna's Taqueira Walqueria yesterday, including Ben Kunofsky who made the trip from New York to take part in the 13.1-mile trek.

Charity walk comes with a tasty incentive

Participants in Anna's Taqueria Walkqueria to benefit The Home for Little Wanderers received a free burrito and other snacks from the chain's six locations yesterday. Walkers raised $5 for each location visited.

Greig to face judge this week

BOSTON. The girlfriend of alleged mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger will be arraigned Thursday on a federal indictment.

Catherine Greig, 60, was indicted last week with harboring the alleged fugitive. METRO

BU Bridge closed

BOSTON. Drivers will not be able to access the Boston University bridge from 9 p.m-5 a.m. Sunday through Friday for the next two weeks because of construction. METRO

Welcome back students, rats

City says returning student population brings out pests ◐ Rodents can resurface in ratty rentals ◐ Roadside couches can carry creepy crawlers

With students soon to make their way back to Hub campuses, the city is concerned with the rodents and bed bugs that it says crawl out of their clutter.

John Meaney, Boston's director of Environmental Services said students who don't dispose of trash properly, or fail to clean their apartments, attract rats and mice by the barrel full.

"We have the biggest turnover rate of students returning to college in the country," he said, adding the influx of students causes a spike in trash and leftover foods, which brings out the dirty rodents.

One of the worst cases Meaney has seen came from a Fenway apartment where weeks-old stacks of pizza boxes brought an onslaught of rat residents he described as "an infestation."

"They are a problematic pest to eliminate. And they are definitely a problem we see more and more on college campuses."
HENRIKSEN

Another apartment in Boston that Meaney and his crew had to sterilize, where 12 students lived, was littered with mice feces.

"The animals were all over the place," he said.

Meaney said the city takes apartment overcrowding and ignorance of trash rules very seriously, issuing hundreds of $50 citations and warnings to landlords and students each year.

But furry critters aren't the only complication when class is in session — bed bugs living in abandoned curbside sofas are breeding grounds for the pests.

"They spread from college students bringing in secondhand furniture to fill a dorm or house," said Missy Henriksen, VP of public affairs at the National Pest Management Association.

She said bed bugs are known for feeding on human flesh at night.

Student rebuttal

- **"I think it's unfair to say it is just students. I'd need to see more studies or statistics. But I'm sure it adds to it."** — Mandy, 25, grad student
- **"I think it could contribute, but you can't solely blame one group of people for it."** — Peter, 22
- **"I never really had any issues, but I guess more people in general means more critters. I'm sure it adds to it but you can't place all of the blame on returning students."** — Andrea Wiseman, 22, Berklee student

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By the numbers

6
Number of months bed bugs can go without food

500
Number of babies a female bed bug can produce

— According to National Pest Management Association

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Dirty rats

Meaney said some of the nastier areas for rats and bed bugs have been Kenmore Square, South End, and Mission Hill.

But the biggest influx in students, bugs and rodents is in Allston, Brighton and Fenway, he said.

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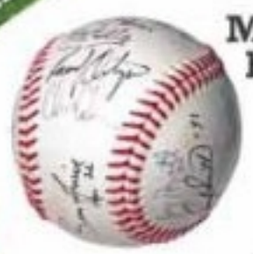

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▶ Another woman was allegedly attacked along the Esplanade over the weekend.

Sexual assault at Esplanade results in police warning

State Police are warning incoming students to be mindful of their surroundings when traveling through Boston alone at night after another alleged sexual attack on the Esplanade occurred Sunday.

"It's always a concern. In a couple of weeks, we will see an influx in thousands of college students so we ask that all new residents be aware of some safety measures," said State Police spokesman David Procopio.

According to police reports, a man told Boston University Police a woman he encountered on the Esplanade said she was sexually assaulted and thrown into the Charles River.

Safety tips

- Be vigilant
- Travel with friends
- Avoid one-on-one contact with strangers
- Stay in well-lit areas

The man told troopers a 20-year-old student near Commonwealth Avenue and Deerfield Street said the attack took place just before 3 a.m.

The victim was no longer with the man when police arrived, according to official reports.

Procopio said officers used the contents of the woman's purse, which was in the man's possession, to identify the victim and report to her address.

Police said the victim refused medical attention and would not provide a description of the assailant.

Procopio said the alleged assault occurred as multiple agencies continue to investigate four linked sexual assaults in recent years — three that occurred near the Esplanade and one that occurred in South Boston.

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Stolen wallet funds illicit CharlieCards

BOSTON. MBTA Police are searching for a duo who allegedly made illegal CharlieCard purchases.

The man and woman were featured on a wanted poster released Thursday, although the incident happened June 30.

A woman was riding the Route 1 bus along Massachusetts Avenue when she "made contact" with the alleged thieves. She later realized her wallet was missing, police said.

Surveillance video caught the suspects at the Symphony Station using the woman's credit card to purchase $177 worth of CharlieCards.

The man was in his early 50s, short, with a thin mustache; the woman was in her mid-30s with blond hair and missing teeth. ● METRO/MN

Deaconess chases thief

BOSTON. A Boston teen couldn't outrun faith Saturday afternoon.

Police said the 16-year-old stole a bicycle that belonged to a deaconess who locked it up at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Mattapan. The deaconess chased the teen until police were able to catch up and stopped the teen. The teen was charged with larceny over $250. ● METRO

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WHY NO SILVER LINE EXPANSION?

Why can't the T run Silver Line service from South Station to North Station down Atlantic Avenue? This is a straight line and would not take long to get to North and South stations. At North Station the buses could let passengers board near the shuttle to Lechmere.

– Tom Kauycheck

Thank you for taking the time to share your idea relating to the expansion of Silver Line service between South and North stations. Please know that our goal is to ensure customers are provided safe, reliable and accessible service that not only meets their transit needs, but also is delivered in the most cost efficient manner. To operate Silver Line service between South and North stations would be costly requiring additional resources including funding, personnel and vehicles. Presently, bus Route 4 provides a connection between North and South stations during weekday rush hours adequately serving customers to their destination. In addition, most of the southside commuter rail lines stop at Back Bay Station, where customers can easily transfer to the Orange Line for direct service to North Station. We will continue to monitor the level of demand for additional service along this corridor.

Why does the commuter rail system not offer a senior-rate monthly pass? In order to take advantage of reduced rates for seniors on the commuter rail/subway/bus systems, seniors must buy 10-ride senior tickets for the train and keep a senior CharlieCard stocked with funds. Nonsenior riders need only purchase a single monthly pass to gain unlimited access to all systems. Why the discrepancy?

– Dan Grandine

Quoted

"The MBTA is committed to evaluating the impacts of a potential fare increase and continues to encourage customers ... to share ideas ... for a better, more user-friendly system."

DAVEY

I appreciate your suggestion and information regarding the adoption of a discounted monthly pass for seniors on commuter rail. Please know that providing all customers with the convenience to access the system easily and effortlessly is a priority that we continue to explore. The creation of a senior-rate monthly commuter rail pass requires a modification to the existing fare structure that is determined by a fare policy committee and ultimately must be approved by the MBTA Board of Directors. As the MBTA moves forward with a potential fare increase, an impacts analysis study is under way to determine the effects an increase will have on service, ridership and revenue. The recently established Fare Policy Committee will work to provide direction for a new Fare Policy by engaging the public and transit advocacy voices into the planning process through public meetings and hearings.

The MBTA is committed to evaluating the impacts of a potential fare increase and continues to encourage customers like yourself to share ideas and recommendations for a better, more user-friendly system. Your suggestion will be forwarded to the Fare Policy Committee for review and discussion in upcoming meetings to determine future fare levels.

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South Station outage leaves workers idle

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BOSTON. The giant board that displays train arrivals and departures was blank Sunday morning after a power outage at South Station that lasted several hours.

There were no delays due to the outage.

According to Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail spokesman Scott Farmelant, the station was operating on backup generators.

While power was out, employees in the station sat idly and explained to customers that they couldn't sell tickets from the station.

An Amtrak worker shouted train arrivals form a bullhorn around his neck. METRO

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Pawlenty exits White House race

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty became the first major casualty in the presidential campaign yesterday while fellow Republicans Michelle Bachmann and Rick Perry built momentum in the race. Pawlenty, once seen as a strong contender for the Republican nomination, dropped out a day after a disappointing showing in Iowa's straw poll, a key early test of strength among his party's candidates. REUTERS

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State fair. Deadly collapse

▶ Sugarland tweeted about the incident, saying: "We are all right. We are praying for our fans and the people of Indianapolis. We hope you'll join us. They need your strength."

Five dead in stage collapse at fair

Five people died Saturday night in the collapse of an outdoor concert stage at the Indiana State Fair; more than 40 people were injured. The collapse occurred just minutes before the country duo Sugarland was set to begin performing. Concert officials had informed spectators the show might have to be postponed due to the winds, but a strong gust blew the stage over before any official evacuation order was issued. REUTERS

Pakistan lets China in on chopper

Pakistan gave China access to the previously unknown "stealth" helicopter that crashed during the commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May despite explicit requests from the CIA not to, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

The revelation, if confirmed, is likely to further shake the U.S.-Pakistan relationship, which has been improving slightly after hitting its lowest point in decades following the May 2 bin Laden raid.

During the raid, one of two modified Blackhawk helicopters — believed to employ unknown stealth capability — malfunctioned and crashed, forcing the commandos to abandon it.

"The U.S. now has information that Pakistan, particularly the ISI, gave access to the Chinese military to the downed helicopter in Abbottabad," the paper quoted a person "in intelligence circles" as saying.

Pakistan, which enjoys a close relationship with China, allowed Chinese intelligence officials to take pictures of the crashed chopper as well as take samples of its special "skin" that allowed the American raid to evade Pakistani radar, the newspaper reported.

Pakistan's top spy agency denied the report. REUTERS

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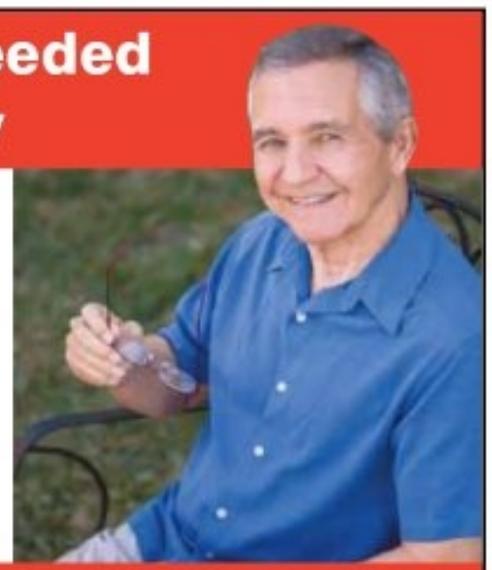

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Law school grads try skills on their schools

New graduates file suit against colleges Wannabe lawyers say they were misled by false data Now drowning without jobs and tons of debt

If you graduate from law school but struggle to get a job, whose fault is it? According to a New York City law firm, it could be your school's fault.

Kurzon Strauss LLP has filed class action lawsuits against New York Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School for exaggerating postgraduate employment and salary rates in order to recruit students. Seven former students who graduated from either NYLS or Thomas Cooley are behind the suit.

"We are bringing these suits because thousands of young lawyers, like the plaintiffs, struggle to purchase a home, raise a family and make investments because they leveraged their future to a law school based on inaccurate information," said Jesse Strauss, a Kurzon Strauss partner. "It is time for the legal academy to own up to this problem."

It's no secret that the job market is bleak, no matter the degree you hold. However, these lawsuits say the schools actually reported inaccurate data about their students' employment prospects by classifying graduates as "full-time" when in fact they only had part-time or temporary positions.

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The hornets nest

Both schools vehemently denied claims of misleading potential students as a means of filling seats.

James Thelen, Cooley's general counsel and associate dean for legal affairs, said the school already filed its own suit against the law firm's lawyers for defamation when they began their investigation last month.

"We understand that three of the four named plaintiffs have established and are working in their own law firms," Thelen said.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

50 Cent is getting around, Patrick Schwarzenegger is apparently too good for Harvard, Justin Bieber is hitting the books and Joan Rivers is dispelling rumors.

▶ **@50cent**
I'm traveling to cannes and writing music today

▶ **@PSchwarzenegger**
Just visited Harvard university. Great college but I'm not adding it to the list. Stanford, USC, Penn, Georgetown are my tops for now.

▶ **@justinbieber**
summertime...saturday...and i got school. sweet

▶ **@Joan_Rivers**
There is NO WAY that Bert and Ernie are gay. They haven't changed their outfits in 25 years.

The Game instructs: Prank tha police?

The Game is so tough, so street and so hard that he shows it by ... pranking the Compton police station?

On Friday, the Compton native sent out a message on his Twitter account encouraging his 580,000 followers to call a posted number if they wanted an internship. The phone number was really the official help line for the Compton sheriff's station.

"It was almost like a symphony of misery. You've got a multitude of phones ringing simultaneously," said headquarters bureau Capt. Mike Parker to the L.A. Times about the prank, which he likened to a "phone flash mob." During the three-hour cascade of calls asking about the internship, the police station also took legit calls about a missing person, a spousal abuse incident, two robberies and a stolen vehicle, per the Times. Parker, who figured out what was happening rather early, tweeted The Game to have him take down the post, to which the rapper replied: "Yall can track a tweet down but cant solve murders! Dat was an accident but maybe now yall can actually do yall job."

Is it me or is it hard to do your job when you're fielding thousands of bogus calls about a fake internship? In my day, illiterate rappers settled their stupid, meaningless scores with illegally obtained weapons, not their Twitter accounts. Next thing you know, Suge Knight is going to start calling 911 to ask them if their fridge is running.

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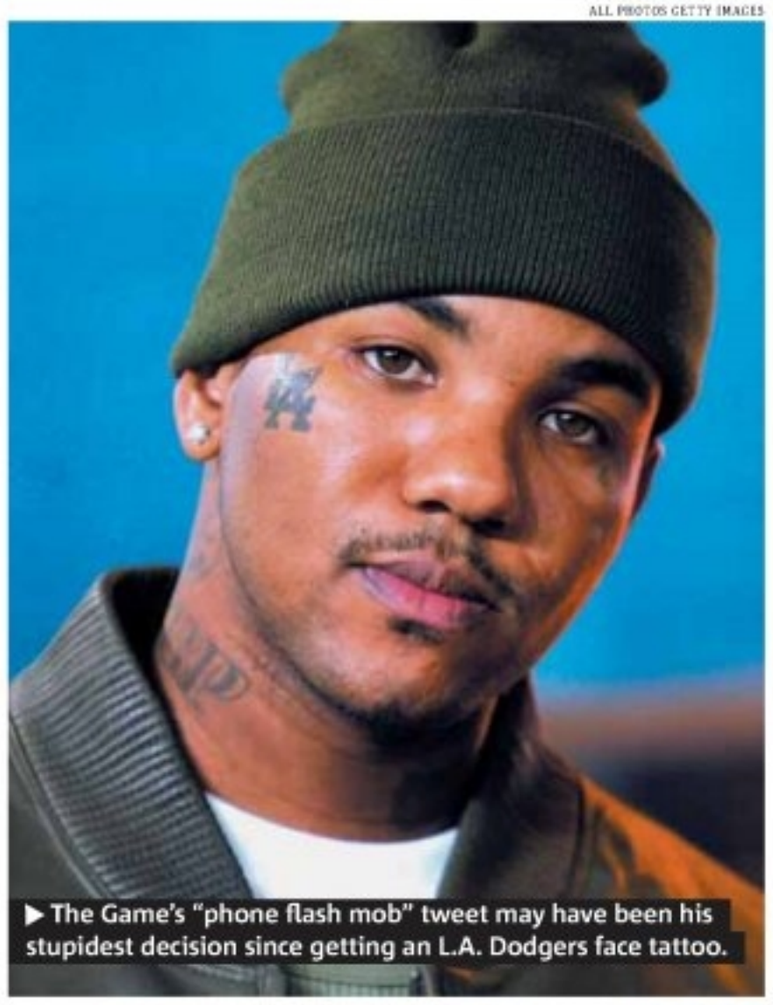


▶ The Game's "phone flash mob" tweet may have been his stupidest decision since getting an L.A. Dodgers face tattoo.

Can Myers still fit into those Powers pants?

If, during the U.K. riots, you thought: "If only Austin Powers were still around" (note: I'm pretty sure none of you thought that), rest assured! **Mike Myers** has signed a deal to star in a fourth "Austin Powers" movie, according to HitFix. There's no word on whether **Jay Roach**, who directed the first three films, will be returning as well. Myers' last live-action starring role was in 2008's "The Love Guru," which was a critical and commercial failure.

Great. Just when people stopped saying, "Yeah, baby!" as a non-hilarious catchphrase, it rears its ugly head again.

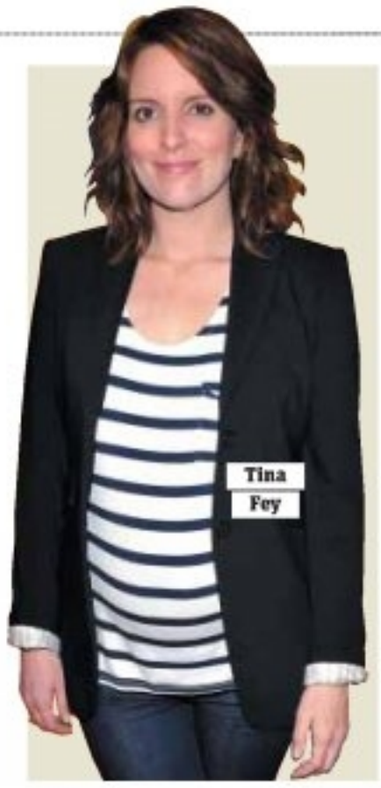
Talking points

Her therapist takes Visa?

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly started therapy for her issues, as ordered by the court — and just in time, as the deadline for the troubled actress to start treatment is later this week, according to E! Online. During a court appearance last month, Lohan had told the judge she was trying to find the cash to pay for therapy. In response, the judge told Lohan's lawyer that the actress "needs to find an individual therapist that takes a credit card."

Welcome, Penelope Athena!

"30 Rock" star **Tina Fey** and husband **Jeff Richmond** welcomed their second daughter last week, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. Penelope Athena was born Aug. 10, joining her big sister, 5-year-old Alice. Fey wrote in her memoir, "Bossypants," that she felt compelled to give Alice a sibling: "I thought that raising an only child would be the norm in Manhattan, but my daughter is the only child in her class without a sibling. Most kids have at least two," she wrote. "Who will be my daughter's family when my husband and I are dead from stress-induced cankers? She must have a sibling."



Hilary Duff is pregnant

Hilary Duff and husband **Mike Comrie** are expecting their first baby, Duff, 23, announced on her website yesterday. The post — which celebrated her one-year anniversary to the Pittsburgh Penguins player — exclaimed, "We also want to share the exciting news that…BABY MAKES THREE!!! We are extremely happy and ready to start this new chapter of our lives." In a recent interview with Metro, the star said she wanted to wait to start a family. "We've only been married a year, and he plays hockey so he's away from September to April, and we don't really get that much time together. So we're looking to wait. I still want to work more," she told us. Looks like she changed her mind?

These stars were paid to appear in Las Vegas over the weekend

1: Pauly D finally found women with more makeup than Snookie while DJing at "A Midsummer Night's Dream: Enchanted Lingerie Masquerade" at Palms Pool & Bungalows on Saturday.

2: Pauly D had to compete against the skills of Nick Cannon, who was spinning tunes on the same night at the Planet Hollywood Resort.

3: Joe Jonas celebrated his birthday at HAZE Nightclub at ARIA in CityCenter on Saturday. Nice matching bracelet and necklace set, Joe!

4: Leonard Nimoy thrilled his legions of fans at the Official Star Trek Convention at the Rio Las Vegas Hotel & Casino on Saturday. It is very doubtful they went to party with Pauly D and Nick Cannon afterwards.

5: Carmen Electra hosted a party at the Azure pool at The Palazzo.

6: Steve Harvey (pictured here with wife Marjorie) hosted the ninth annual Ford Hoodie Awards at the Mandalay Bay Events Center on Saturday. The Hoodie Awards recognizes nontraditional small businesses, educators and community leaders.

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▶ Gloria Steinem is the subject of "Gloria: In Her Own Words," premiering tonight at 9 on HBO.

Gloria Steinem is still fighting

The 77-year-old women's rights activist says 'the movement is young' She recalls her life in the new HBO documentary, 'Gloria: In Her Own Words'

No word quite describes Gloria Steinem like "fighter." A driving force behind the modern women's liberation movement, Steinem shares her struggles — those for gender equality, as well as the strife of her early days and later, a battle against breast cancer — in the new HBO film, "Gloria: In Her Own Words." One message of the documentary: The fight isn't over yet.

"If you think of the suffragists [or] abolitionists, movements have to last about 100 years to be really absorbed into a culture," Steinem says. "And we're about 40 some years into [women's rights]. So I don't know how to break it to you, but I would say we have, like, 60 years to go."

But take heart, activists: "I'm old, but the movement is young," the 77-year-old insists. "So I hope people take encouragement from this documentary."

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A sense of pride

Steinem calls her embodiment of the women's rights movement "a gift."

"I'm not crazy enough to think that it was about one person," she explains. "But because I symbolize it, I get the stories. People will say to me, 'Oh, I want to tell you what happened and how my life has changed.' It is amazing."

Not a hero to everyone

Despite — or because of — her equal-rights work, Steinem still has detractors. "I remember some guy saying to me, 'I employ 20 women, and I pay them half what I pay men. If I had to pay them more, I'd fire them,'" she recalls. "So I say, 'You've broken the law.' Mostly I get attacked by people that if they liked me, I'd know I was doing something wrong."

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Not your average superhero

Azita Ghanizada is already garnering a fan base on the new 'super abilities' show 'Alphas'

Afghan-American actress Azita Ghanizada has been a TV lover all her life — and in fact says it's how she learned English. So the success of her new Syfy series, "Alphas," has been especially rewarding for her. In the series, Ghanizada plays Rachel, a member of a team of individuals with special abilities. Metro caught up with Ghanizada to talk about what's in store for her character and what it was like working with one of her own heroes.

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You're filming the finale now. What can you tell us about it without spoiling too much?
What's happened since the start of the season is that you've gotten to know the characters, and the audience got to learn a little bit about the Alphas phenomenon — you know, not mutants, not superheroes, but humans with brain anomalies. You've got these people that are unique working for a government agency and doing what they think is right, but the stories coming up [ask] who's on the side of right. I think that will come to a head in the finale, and I think you'll see the Alphas questioning what they're doing.

It's interesting how vulnerable your character is when using her ability.
Yeah, every ability has its downside, and that's why I think the fans have gotten really bananas over the show. I think it's because they're so human. They're not invincible. When she uses her sight, she's essentially deaf. When she uses her super-hearing, she's essentially blind.

▶ "Alphas" airs Monday nights at 10 on Syfy.
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This show seems to lend itself to a very loyal fan base.
There's someone Twittering as my character already! It's so wonderful how creative they are. ... It's amazing. I applaud their creativity, I'm not afraid of it.

Q&A: Meeting her own hero

In last week's episode, you got to work with guest-star Lindsay Wagner.

I got to talk at length with her about what it was like to be a female TV star in the '70s on "The Bionic Woman" and breaking that ground, and she was just so cool. And then when we're shooting, I went to do my super-hearing, and she just smirked a little bit. She's like, "I used to be you." I was like, "Oh my God, right!" — I mean, way cooler. She was a badass. Rachel's growing into that. But what an iconic moment for me for someone who really shifted television for women in the '70s, and she sort of pointed at me and was like, "Rachel is sort of who I was." So that was a really big treat.

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How to make it in TINSELTOWN

New book goes behind the scenes with 30 insiders, from stuntwomen to executive producers to Chihuahua trainers Why the unorthodox industry might be a fit for you

If you're an aspiring actor, you already know there's most likely a cross-country career trip in your future. (What you don't know: Your 1991 Honda Civic is going to hit Ohio and decide to settle down.)

But from makeup artists to film editors to on-set tutors, there is a huge team of professionals required to keep the machine moving. In their book — the just-released "Hire Me, Hollywood!" — industry vets Mark Scherzer and Keith Fenimore profile 30 insiders, providing startup tips and behind-the-scenes info along the way. "This book is proof that you do have a chance," says Fenimore. "You can get your foot in the door with no experience, no connections and be successful. We're not trying to say it's a how-to book — it's a how-did book."

Whether you want to write for "The Daily Show" or design "Dancing With the Stars" costumes, here are three breaking-in tips.

Go to Los Angeles — at first, at least

Both Scherzer and Fenimore now work in New York after paying their dues in L.A., where there are more openings for wannabe red-carpet pundits. "In Los Angeles, there are a lot of opportunities. If you're looking to get the most bang for your buck, it's the place to be," says Scherzer.

Be your rowdy, determined, slightly inappropriate self

Unlike conventional fields, the entertainment industry is fueled by characters, and is tolerant — even welcoming — of the newbie with a slightly offbeat approach to getting hired. "In Hollywood, mistakes are what get you hired," says Fenimore. "You don't crash interviews on Wall Street — you just don't do that — but sets are a different story."

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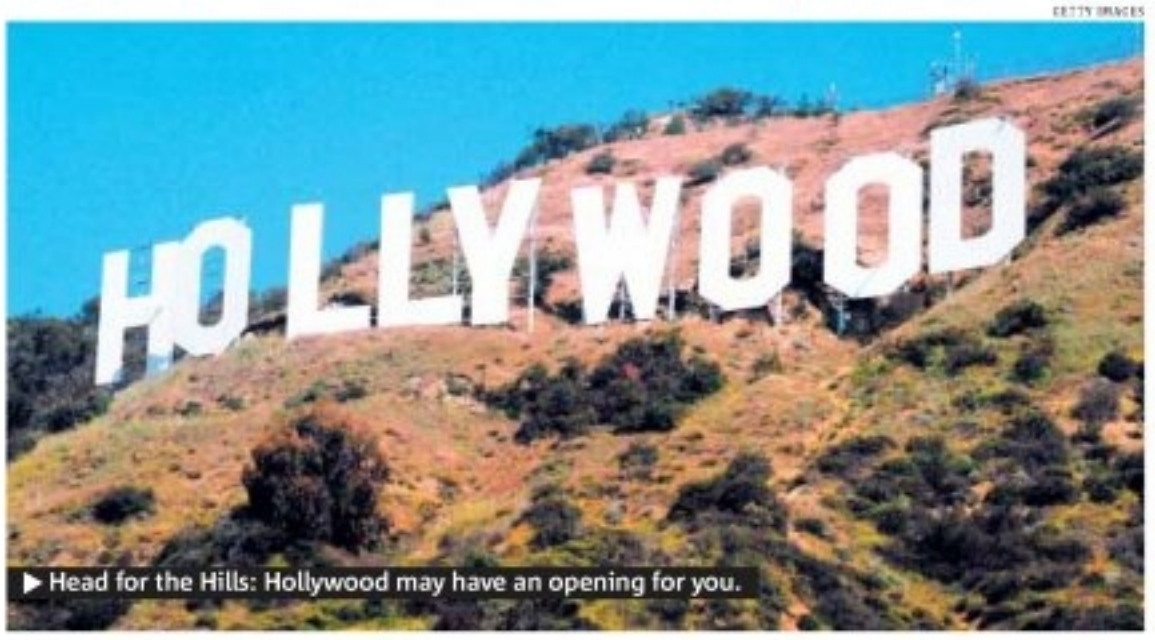
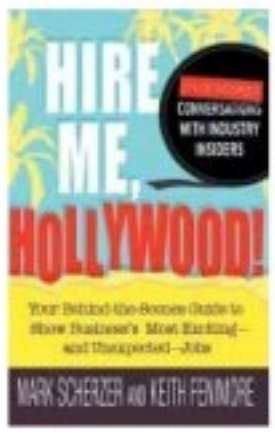


▶ Head for the Hills: Hollywood may have an opening for you.



Take any job, and then take it seriously

While there is room for the inexperienced, Hollywood is still "who you know." Which is why Scherzer recommends putting in the hours once you land a job as an assistant's assistant. "You want to make a really good impression. Make sure that you're the first one on the set and the last one to leave," he says. "You're often asked to do menial jobs, but you do it with a great attitude because it's all about relationships."

▶ Fenimore

You may — or may not — recognize Fenimore

His playful press and social media campaign to become "the most recognizable man in America" launched last year. We've got to admit: We didn't recognize his name, but we're happy to give him some face time.

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Breaking an unhealthy addiction to your work

When you're already prone to workaholism, living in the smartphone decade doesn't help. If you don't take a step back to draw boundaries between the conference room and the living room, work life-coach Sue Thompson warns, you could sacrifice your free will to a phone.

"We no longer have a work life and a home life," she says. "We have a life and we really need to decide how we want to live that life."

Need to disconnect?

Create what career counselor Courtney Anderson calls "a mental switch."

"Take that switch and say 'I'm off, I'm logging off,'" she recommends. "Take personal time. Otherwise, with technology, it's possible to be always working."

It's important to make the time to ask yourself that existential question, agrees Careers By Design founder Shirin Khamisa.

"Look at your habits, get a reality check," she says. "Is the way you're functioning really serving you? If you're texting at the dinner table, how is that affecting your interaction with your family? If you're a young, single person, how does always being connected affect your personal life?"

Keeping your thumbs surgically attached to the phone could hurt more than your dating career, she notes. It could destroy your actual career. Ask yourself: Is it truly worth hammering away into the deep night, before slumping to work the next morning tired and ineffective? "Start thinking in terms of results," she urges. DREW HINSHAW

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▶ In the long run, late nights don't pay off.

Change your clothes

"Dress professionally for work," Thompson offers. "That way, when you get home and you take off those clothes, that's your psychological barrier that shows you're at home."

If you don't, Anderson adds, you could lose perspective.

"If you don't make that serious effort, it's all going to blend in," she says. "In five or 10 years, it's going to be even harder."

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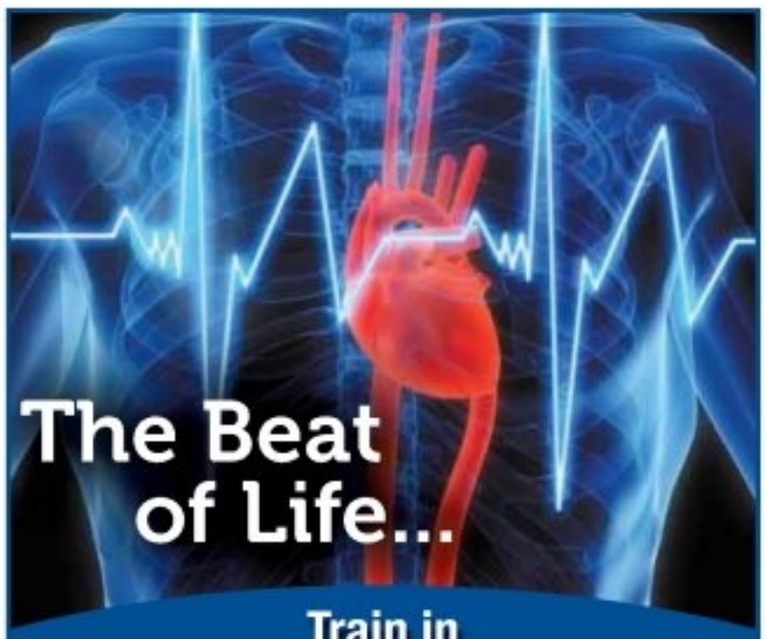

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Benefits of dorm living

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▶ Hey! Back to studying. We're trying to make a point here.

Plenty of studies have shown that students who live on campus tend to do slightly better academically. But a recent study out of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis found that not only did on-campus students do significantly better academically, but that living on campus was a big reason why they did better.

"The big question is causation. Does living in the dorms cause you to do better?" explains Dr. James Murray, who co-authored the study with Dr. Pedro De Araujo. "The problem is that students that care more about school may be more likely to want to live at school. So, they may perform better, because they happen to be the better students anyway. But we actually found that living on campus caused students to do better."

The researchers also found that campus life had a positive effect even after the student moved. "Students who once lived on campus were more likely to study with their peers after they moved off campus, but not necessarily while they lived on campus," explains Murray. "So, if you're a freshman living on campus, you're not more likely to study with your classmates, but you formed those relationships in the early years and were able to make use of them later."

In the long run

Just one year on campus could have a positive effect for years to come.

"If administrators are looking at the impact dorms are having on student performance, they shouldn't just look at how students are doing when they're living on campus," says Murray. "What you really want to look for are these permanent effects."

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Tea Party: Then and now

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It's the haves vs. the halves

This is just more of the same: The poor stay poor and the rich get even richer. The average working person that pays taxes with a salary of pennies has to bail out banks, and now we have to pay for this double recession. The rich are still hoarding wealth while most of the U.S. struggles to put food on the table.

ERIC SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Try to see the whole picture before getting involved in a business negotiation. With the facts at your disposal, you're likely to make the right decision without a lot of rehashing.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't team up with someone who isn't as enthusiastic about an endeavor as you are. This person could easily pour cold water on your efforts at the first sign of trouble.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Do not allow outside influences to rush you into anything you haven't had time to consider. Take the necessary time to think through all of your alternatives before putting your plans into action.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even if an assignment you've mapped out for yourself doesn't come off in accordance with your schedule, by continuing to persist you should be able to accomplish your aims.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** A little change of venue could do you a world of good. Plan to do something different with people you rarely see who fit comfortably into checking out what's new.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The best way to finalize something important is to allow it to proceed at its natural pace. Attempting to rush it could get matters off course.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Enjoy yourself without bruising your wallet. It's one of those days when you don't need expensive diversions in order to have fun.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Rather than depend on someone else to always pick most of the bill, even if this person can afford it, be prepared to chip in a reasonable share. It'll do wonders.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There's a chance you could be somewhat of a dreamer and let your attention wander off. Strive to pay attention.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Social obligations may make a bid for your time, but be your own person and first do what is personally necessary or important.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You have a tendency to start one thing but then jump onto another before you completed the first. Don't let that habit cause you to end up with too many unfinished projects.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** The best way to make an important decision is to study it closely and then decide on the solution. Once everything is considered, the answer will be manifest. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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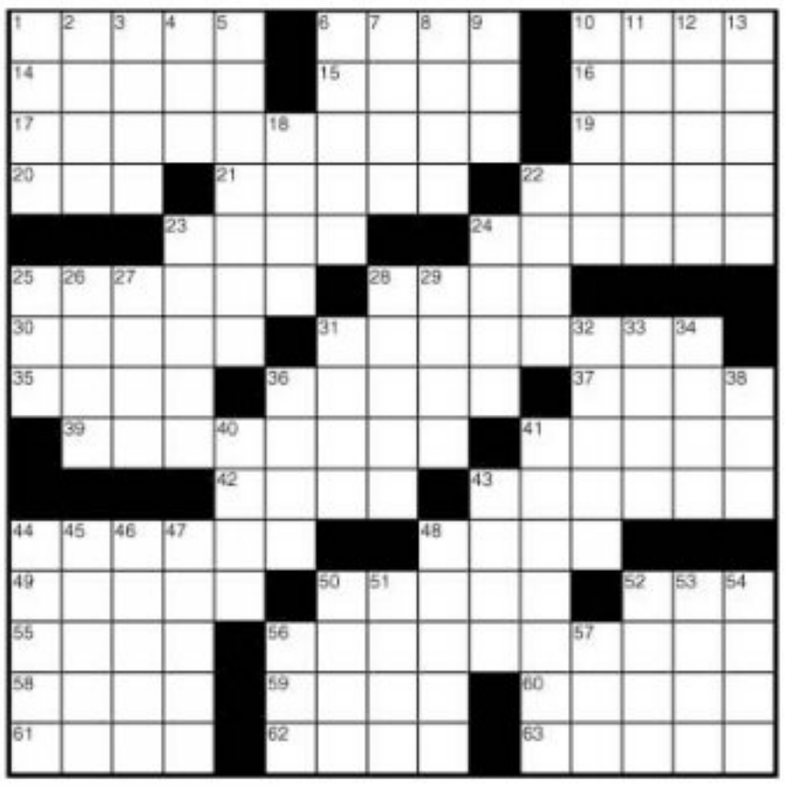

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Time for the Sox to lean on ... Lackey?

The Boston staff punchline has become something of its ace ◗ Sox have won six of his last seven outings ◗ Team has today off after defeat

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▶ Remember when John Lackey was terrible? Seems like a long time ago.

The Red Sox lost again yesterday afternoon, dropping the final two games in Seattle to end a six-game road trip.

The 5-3 loss knocked their lead over the Yankees in the American League East down to just a half-game.

It's a good thing, then, that Boston has John Lackey to lean on.

While Tim Wakefield can't buy a win and Josh Beckett and Jon Lester suddenly look human, it's Lackey, the human dartboard, who has become the ace of the staff.

With his victory Friday night over the Mariners, Lackey is now 6-0 with a 3.92 ERA since July 9, with the Sox going 6-1 in his seven starts.

Lackey is making amends for a season and a half of maddening mediocrity — at $15.25 million per year, by the way — by delivering his best results in a Boston uniform at a critical time.

With home-field advantage in the postseason at stake, Lackey has been the main engine helping keep the Sox barely in front of the Yankees in the AL East standings.

Since Lackey last lost on the Fourth of July, the Red Sox are 24-11. Lackey has six of those victories. No other Red Sox starter has more than two, combining for a total of seven.

And three of Lackey's wins during this remarkable stretch have come after a Boston loss.

It hasn't always been pretty — Lackey has allowed 10 or more hits in three of the seven starts, and has allowed fewer than three earned runs just twice. But he has done well enough to keep the potent Sox offense in games, allowing him to match Beckett for the team lead with 11 wins.

"It's been fun," Lackey said. "It's been a stretch where we've had a couple of guys out and needed to pitch well and been able to get some wins."

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The Lackey factor

John Lackey's results have been a little odd this season.

- **He's suffered his share of hard-luck losses,** like April 19 at Oakland, when he took the 'L' after giving up one run in six innings.
- **But he's won a few he shouldn't have,** like April 8 against the Yankees (six earned runs in five innings).

'Wake' misses out on No. 200

Another decent start, another wait for his milestone.

What else does Tim Wakefield need to do?

Boston's elder statesman, who earned his 199th career win against Seattle on July 24, gave up four earned runs in eight innings yesterday — but still took the loss against the Mariners.

Wakefield is likely to get his next start over the weekend at Kansas City — the fifth place he's tried for his 200th triumph.

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In soccer

Breakers clinch playoffs

Women's World Cup veteran Lauren Cheney scored both goals as the Breakers beat Sky Blue FC 2-0 yesterday, clinching the fourth and final WPS playoff spot. They'll play magicJack (out of Boca Raton, Fla.) in Wednesday's first round. METRO

In soccer

Fabregas moves to Barcelona

Star midfielder Cesc Fabregas' long-rumored transfer to Barcelona is finally happening.

The Spanish superclub is picking up the Catalan native from England's Arsenal. He doesn't come cheap at some $57 million. METRO

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▶ Uggla

Uggla's hit streak dies at 33

Dan Uggla's improbable run at immortality is over.

The Braves second baseman's 33-game hitting streak ended in yesterday's 6-5 loss to the Cubs.

It was the longest streak in the majors in five years, and ended 23 games shy of Joe DiMaggio's record of 56 games.

It was the longest hitting streak in Atlanta Braves history. METRO

44 Pete Rose had a 44-game hitting streak in 1978; it was the first serious run at DiMaggio's record. Paul Molitor went 39 games in 1987.

Plenty of new toys for Pats' DL coach

Pepper Johnson has tons of talent in camp
He's learned names, faces
Now, the hard part: Coaching them up how Belichick wants it done

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Patriots D-line coach Pepper Johnson, left, and Bill Belichick, center, have long had a complex relationship.

Patriots defensive line coach Pepper Johnson knows Bill Belichick better than just about anybody in the NFL.

Johnson played under Belichick with the Giants in the 1980s, again with the Browns in '93 and finished his career with the Jets in '98 — a team for which Belichick was the defensive coordinator.

In 2000, Johnson joined Belichick once again — this time as an assistant linebackers coach with the Patriots. He was promoted to the D-line in 2004.

That unit has been talked about plenty this offseason, and for good reason: The Pats have brought in around 20 players who have experience on the line in some way, shape or form.

The reason is simple. New England wants to throw all kinds of formations at opponents this year, whether from its base 3-4 or a hybrid version of the 4-3.

So, what's the most challenging aspect of having all those new players for Johnson?

"Bill Belichick," he said.

"It doesn't matter what player comes out here, he wants this done, so it doesn't matter who comes out here. ... But I'm going to get the best out of you. That's what Coach [Belichick] expects, and that's the reason why I'm here."

The "only the strong survive" mentality doesn't exactly hold true when it comes to the Pats.

A lot more of it has to do with smarts.

"Coach Belichick wants techniques taught," Johnson said. "He wants the defense learned, and he wants to know who can learn it to the ability that they don't need a babysitter, they don't need someone to hold their hand while they're out there on the football field."

"I'm going to coach [any player] the way Coach Belichick wants him coached." JOHNSON

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High marks for big man

Patriots DL coach Pepper Johnson admits to being a little nervous when he heard Albert Haynesworth was coming to town.

No worries now.

"He's been trying to work his way out on the field, and he's been tremendous in the classroom [to] date," Johnson said.

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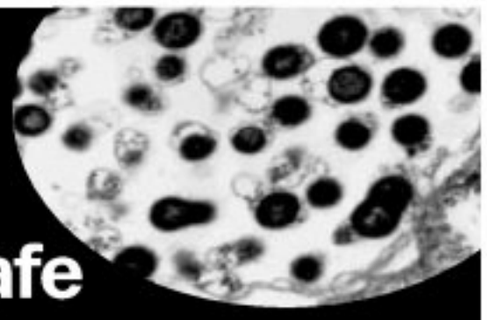

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MLS. Revs fall

▶ A.J. Soares and the Revolution are 4-11-9 on the year.

Revs sink in standings

The Revs sank to eighth place in the MLS Eastern Conference this weekend, blowing a halftime lead in a 3-1 loss to the Columbus Crew. They host Houston on Wednesday night in Foxborough. METRO

Bradley wins PGA in 3-hole playoff

▶ Rookie shines down the stretch as Dufner fades ▶ Bradley trailed by 5 strokes late at the Atlanta Athletic Club ▶ But he was the one who closed

Keegan Bradley is a rookie on the PGA Tour.

He sure didn't look like one yesterday.

Bradley maintained ice-cold composure to top Jason Dufner in a three-hole playoff to win the 93rd PGA Championship outside Atlanta yesterday.

Bradley had trailed Dufner by five strokes in regulation. But the two went in very opposite directions down the stretch.

Bradly's victory in his debut major ended an unprecedented run of six majors without an American champion. It was his second title on the PGA Tour this season.

Bradley holed a four-foot birdie putt at the first playoff hole, the par-4 16th, to hold an early advantage over Dufner who missed his attempt there from six feet.

Though Bradley could only par the tricky 160-yard 17th, where a large pond guards the front of the green, he found himself two strokes ahead after Dufner ran up a three-putt bogey.

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▶ Bradley

Leaderboard

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

TOP FINISHERS

NAME	TO PAR	TOTAL
KEEGAN BRADLEY*	-8	272
JASON DUFNER	-8	272
ANDERS HANSEN	-7	273
ROBERT KARLSSON	-5	275
DAVID TOMS	-5	275
SCOTT VERPLANK	-5	275
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LEE WESTWOOD	-3	277
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